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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Ronald Adams et al.) Group Art Unit: 3739
Application No.: 10/724,740)) Examiner: FLANAGAN, BEVERLY) MEINDL)
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For: CONTROLLABLE ENDOSCOPIC SHEATH APPARATUS AND RELATED METHOD OF USE) Confirmation No. 2077))

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION

In reply to the Notice of Informal Application ("Notice") which bears a date of February 27, 2004, but was identified as an attachment to, and appears to have been mailed for the first time with, the Office Action mailed July 29, 2005, Applicants submit herewith a copy of the Notice and a Supplemental Declaration identifying the citizenship of each inventor. Applicants note that the Notice does not appear on the PAIR website for this application. As set forth in the Notice, the period to correct the informalities and avoid abandonment is set in the accompanying Office Action. As the due date for filing a response to the Office Action is at least October 29, 2005, Applicants have interpreted the period to correct the informalities as also extending to at least October 29, 2005.

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Response to Notice of Informal Application - October 20, 2005

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this Response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: October 20, 2005

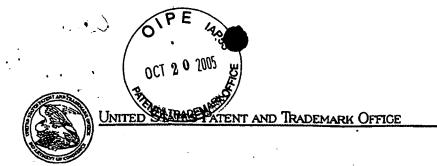
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Attachments: Supplemental Declaration (2 pages);

Copy of Response to Notice of Informal Application (1 page).



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NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION

This application is considered to be informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. The period within to correct the informalities noted below and avoid abandonment is set in the accompanying Office action.

Items Required To Avoid Processing Delays:

The item(s) indicated below are also required and should be submitted with any reply to this notice to avoid further further processing delays.

- A new oath or declaration, identifying this application number is required. The oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.63 in that it:
- does not identify the citizenship of each inventor.

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